## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

## NURSING PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

February 19, 2010

TO: DMH Everyone

FROM: Mary Ann O'Donnell, R.N., M.N., Clinical Risk Manager

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF THE DMH 2010 OUTSTANDING NURSE

The process has begun for County Departments to select an Outstanding Nurse for 2010. The RN selected by each department will be acknowledged during the County's Nurse Recognition Week, May 3 - 7 by the Board of Supervisors and for DMH, at the annual Nursing Professional Concerns Committee Spring Gala luncheon on May 11, 2010 at the Proud Bird Restaurant.

DMH staff may nominate an outstanding nurse for the department who meets the following qualifications:

- 1. Employed for 3+ years in a full-time DMH RN classification, (except for Principal MHCRN;)
- 2. Demonstrates excellence in **nursing practice** in the attributes listed on the nomination form;
- 3. His/her primary contribution occurred within the past year;
- 4. Maintains a satisfactory attendance record; and
- 5. Has not been previously selected as a DMH Outstanding Nurse. Previous awardees include:





Margaret Mitchell
Marge Borjon
Maria Acosta
Maria Castillo-Marquez
Suzanne Holland

The nomination form must be **e-mailed** to me by March 11, 2010 to be considered. No extensions or exceptions can be made due to County submission deadlines.

